

## STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Members Present: Kathie Riley, President; Daniel McCarty, Vice-President; Marla Rock, Secretary-Treasurer; David Mendenhall, Board Member.

Members Absent: Kory Kessinger, Board Member.

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Cara Wells, Colorado Brand Board; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board.

Guests Present: Chris Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Billy Seiber, Attorney General's Office; Kellee Mitchell, Colorado Livestock Association.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathie Riley requesting approval of the April 20, 2016 meeting minutes. David Mendenhall entered a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Dan McCarty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The election of new officers was postponed until the June 2016 meeting.

On October 2, 2015 Brand Inspector Supervisor Jim Easthouse held the proceeds of sale, \$905.21, for proof of ownership on one black cow branded **2+K** left ribs consigned by Tom Seitz of Box 129 Savory, WY 82332. Tom Seitz of Box 129 Savory, WY 82332, is claiming ownership of the animal and requesting release of the funds. Mr. Seitz has sent this office a copy of Wyoming brand inspection 09 BIC-061550 dated October 2, 2016 showing Thomas Seitz and Stephanie Anderson as the brand owners and consignors of 1 cow branded **2+K** left ribs to Centennial Livestock Auction. The body of the certificate states "Sold in Oct 2 2015" which leads us to believe that the date of the certificate showing the year as 2016 is probably an error. Based on the evidence presented David Mendenhall made a motion to release the funds, 905.21, less \$20.00 per head (\$885.21), per Colorado Revised Statute to Tom Seitz of Box 129 Savory, WY 82332. Marla Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financials were presented to the Board. Chris Whitney pointed out that payroll figures are complete through March 2016 and while the expense number is large this month it is due to catching up on the payroll expenses. As long as income and expenses continue to trend as they have over the past several months Brands will be in a positive cash position as of the end of 2016 and will enter the 2017 Brand Assessment with sufficient funds to operate on until we receive assessment monies. It was also noted that inspection numbers are up again this month.

Chris Whitney reported that the all hands meetings were held April 25, 2016 and May 3, 2016. These meetings are important because they provide an opportunity for employees to meet each other and discuss issues of concern in their inspection areas

and an opportunity for the office to get important information out to the employees and discuss topics of concern to the entire Division. The June 2016 Board meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am Tuesday, June 14, 2016 in Colorado Springs. Commissioner Whitney said that his report for the Brand and Theft Committee will be fairly general, a division update and an electronic certificate program update. Supervisor Dennis Williams will transfer to the West Central Area supervisor position to replace Art Flynn who will retire June 30, 2016. All current supervisors have until 5:00 pm Thursday, May 19, 2016 to request a transfer to the open supervisor position in the South Central Area. If no current supervisors request a transfer, we will announce the supervisor position to current brand inspectors and begin the process of hiring a new supervisor. As of April 2016 there were twelve employees with between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and three employees with between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 91.15 hours from the March 2016 balance.

Joe Schalnus has been hired to fill the vacant position in the Kremmling inspection district. John Shumaker has been hired as a temporary brand inspector in the Denver inspection district at Arapahoe Park Racetrack for the 2016 racing season. Lisa Hrabe has been hired as a temporary Administrative Assistant in the Denver office.

Deputy Commissioner Chris Wiseman reported that the legislature has approved the Department of Agriculture's proposal to purchase the property next to the Broomfield office. The next step will be to fund the construction of the buildings necessary to house the Inspection and Consumer Services Division that is currently located at a separate location. The warehouse property near the National Western Stock Show and the Inspection and Consumer Services current building will be sold help finance the construction of the new building. The Department is working on bringing on a public lands specialist to fill the vacant Conservation Services Division Director position and hopes to have that person in place by July 1, 2016

There was one certified feedlot audit completed and paperwork submitted since the April 2016 Board meeting. As reported by the auditor, Jim Easthouse, the feedlot still shows seven long from the last audit. The new audit form has been sent to all auditors and they will be using the new forms for future audit reports. Certified Feedlot renewals are due in July. The renewal applications will be mailed June 1, 2016. As of this date there has not been a time set to begin the review of the Certified Feedlot Rule.

Chris Whitney reported that five brand inspectors have been issued tablets to test the e-certificate program. They are entering the brand certificates that they are writing to test the program's functionality and also using the tablet in the field to test the practical use of the tablet. We hope to issue 20 more tablets in July of 2016, 20 more in January 2017 and the remainder by July 2017. Brand Division staff will meet with Kate McRoy, Process Improvement Specialist, to discuss the implementation of the e-certificate program.

Seven Alternative Livestock certificates were written in the month of March 2016 for 52 head of elk. Notices were mailed to all licensees reminding them their 2015 calf/fawn inventory was due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. As of April 30, all but one facility has provided their inventories

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF INSPECTION DATA AND LITERATURE TO BOARD MEMBERS:**

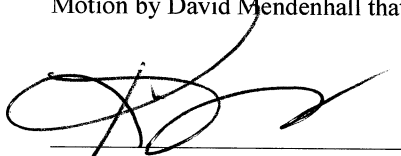
- (a) Volume of Estrays Handled Monthly
- (b) New Brands, Transfers, and Delinquent Assessments Paid

#### ESTRAY FUND:

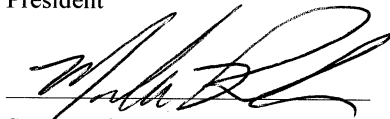
In April 2016 \$1,070.98 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$1,057.39 was for proceeds of sale on seven head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$13.59 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. No certificates of deposit matured during the month of April.

The Board was reminded that the June meeting was set at a previous meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 commencing at 8:00 o'clock a.m. at the Hotel Eleganté Conference & Event Center, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, United States in conjunction with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Convention.

Motion by David Mendenhall that this meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dan McCarty. Motion carried.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

#### REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

April 2016 Deposits

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
Tharp, Spud	1 Jersey hfr no brand	Advertised	Duane Brown Pierce, CO	\$103.89
Flynn, Art	1 black wf cow no brand, 1 bwf bull calf no brand	Maverick	Art Flynn Kent Davis Grand Mesa	\$350.00
Flynn, Art	1 char hfr, 1 char heifer calf no brands	Maverick	Art Flynn Kent Davis Grand Mesa	\$303.40
Flynn, Art	1 red broc bull calf no brand	Maverick	Art Flynn Kent Davis Grand Mesa	\$175.00
Flynn, Art	1 black wf heifer no brand	Maverick	Art Flynn Kent Davis Grand Mesa	\$150.00